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Dear Parents/Guardians,

JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Greetings! We are glad to welcome your child/ward back to school for the second semester. We trust that you and your child/ward have managed to recharge yourselves during the June school vacation. Here are the highlights for Term 3.

1. Celebrating Our Students' Achievements

Our students have done well in both the academic and non-academic domains, and we would like to send them our congratulations.

- i. G.A.I.A. Club has won First Prize for the 'Love Your Food' Activity organised by the National Environment Agency. The video entry aims to encourage our staff and students to lead a less wasteful lifestyle.
- ii. Chaa Selena (P4.6) has clinched First Prize in the 10th National Storytelling Competition, "Leaders of Greatness". This competition is jointly organised by the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning, Singapore Chinese Teachers Literary Recital Society, SG Writings and our school.
- iii. A team of three students has won Third Prize in the Speak Up Kids, a public speaking competition organised by SPH. The three students are Sophia Nadya Habib Ansari (P1.7), Kara Ann Naylor (P2.4) and Wong Boxi (P2.4)
- iv. 10 of our students participated in the Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary School. Congratulations to Chinnadurai Sananth Akash (P6.5) and Siew Shui Onn (P6.6) for achieving Silver.

2. SNAC REGISTRATION

In our May 2017 Newsletter, we informed that our school has adopted a smartphone communication system for all parents/guardians. This smartphone communication system SNAC™ or Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console, allows us to achieve a higher level of communication effectiveness and workflow efficiency in our information dissemination and communication with you and promotes green for the environment in paper reduction. You will be able to receive PDF attachment, message notification, and event notification such as e-consent form, and appointment slots from us. This app will allow us to receive your feedback in real-time, track notification read/unread status and take proactive measure to contact you on emergency matters should the notification not reach you within the stimulated time.

With the introduction of SNAC, we will progressively stop printing school notifications as you will be receiving them through SNAC.

"Learners with Passion. Leaders with Heart. Citizens of Character."



Please register the system on your smartphone. For assistance, you can refer to the video instructions below:

- First Time Registration on SNAC™ - <https://goo.gl/OBIsCN>
- Adding another child/children on SNAC™ - <https://goo.gl/wEqEmV>
- Changing Your Authentication Code a.k.a Passcode - <https://goo.gl/M9zw7I>
- Adding Spouse/Guardian to Received Notification (Edit or Change own Email Address) - <https://goo.gl/1exL4d>

For SNAC™ technical matters please email our vendor for technical support at - snac.support@apptitude.sg

3. HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS

The school continues to raise our level of vigilance and maintain high level of health and hygiene standards. We will continue to conduct visual checks for students who are unwell at the beginning of the day on a daily basis. Students who are unwell will be informed to return home and seek medical attention. As a good practice, students should have their oral digital thermometers daily to monitor their temperature when they feel unwell.

In addition, we will continue to advise students to keep hydrated at all times and refill their water bottles during recess or after school. If they feel unwell during school hours, they are to inform their teachers.

We would also like to remind parents/guardians to inform the school if there are any changes in your child/ward's personal particulars (e.g. address, parent's/guardian's contact number).

4. STUDENT SAFETY

As we continue the second semester with our home-school partnership, we would appreciate all parents/guardians to reinforce the school's efforts in ensuring our children's well-being and safety.

Please join us in educating our students on the need to use pedestrian crossing points and practise kerb drill when making their way to and from school, and at all times. Inform your child's/ward's Form Teacher in advance if you need to fetch him/her from school early for appointments outside the school.

- Traffic Situation

The Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital (AMK-THK) has recently converted its vehicular entrance/exit to an exit access only. This is just before the school's main gate. We request parents to remind their children to keep a proper lookout for vehicles exiting AMK-THK for their own safety.

5. P4 AND P5 ANDVENTURE PROGRAMME, SEMESTER 2

The first six weeks of Semester 2 will see P4 students engaging in drama to deepen their understanding of the 7-Habits. Integrating the 7-Habits with drama conventions, students develop a stronger moral character when they explore social issues on trust and compassion.

ANDventure 2017 also welcomes the ICT module in Semester 2, where P4 and P5 students will learn to be responsible users of ICT. Building on MOE's messages of cyber wellness, P4 students will learn to make critical links of the importance of cyber wellness to their daily lives. Through the theme of cyber wellness, students will develop their artistic talent to explore elements of graphic design and visual communication. Besides, they will also pick up fundamental design principles to enable them to effectively create infographic posters that aim to educate and spread the importance of cyber wellness.

For 12 weeks, P5 students will get a head start in the world of programming and coding when they learn to create their very own mobile game application. Integrating Science and ICT and using the problem-based learning approach, students will go through the cycle of Research→Plan→

Design→Test→Evaluate to develop their game app. The final product is one that is of educational value and can be used by students in the learning of Science.

6. P5 ANDventure Values in Action (ViA), Magic in the Community (Saturday, 8 July)

In support of the school's ViA initiative through the arts, our P5 students have developed their own playlets centred around the theme 'Magic in the Community' as part of their ANDventure Drama module in Semester 1. Our students will be sharing their lively stories on how to be a better member of the community at AMK Central Stage on 8 July, 10.30am - 12pm. We look forward to seeing our parents/ guardians supporting our Andersonians at the event.

7. P5 Parents Engagement Session (Friday, 14 July)

The P5 Parents Engagement Session will be conducted on 14 July, from 3 pm to 6 pm for the P5 parents/guardians. Details have already been shared with you through SNAC. We look forward to your attendance at the session.

8. NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS (TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST)

The school will celebrate our nation's 52nd National Day on Tuesday, 8 August. School will function from 7.15 am to 10.30 am for all students. As a sign of national pride, P3 to P6 students are encouraged to attend the celebrations in red T-shirts with their school shorts/culottes and black shoes. P1 and P2 students will come in their PE attire for the Lower Primary Sports Carnival. More details will be provided nearer the date.

There will be no school on Wednesday, 9 August and Thursday, 10 August. Students will report to school as usual on Friday, 11 August.

9. P6 PSLE ORAL (THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 17 AND 18 AUGUST) / LISTENING COMPREHENSION (FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER) / WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS (THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER TO WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER)

P6 students will be scheduled to sit for their coming PSLE, starting with Oral on Thursday and Friday, 17 and 18 August. More details will be issued to the P6 students nearer each of the examinations.

For P1 to P5, there will be no school during PSLE Oral and LC. Please note the following activities planned for these levels to ensure learning continues:

- PSLE Oral on 17 and 18 August: Home-Based Learning for P1 to P5
- PSLE LC on 15 September: Home-Based Learning for P1 to P4; Camp for P5 (14 to 16 September)

For P1 and P2, there will also be Home-Based Learning on 29 September, Friday.

10. TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION (TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST)

Teachers' Day will be celebrated in school on Tuesday, 29 August. School reporting and dismissal time for all P1 to P6 students, as well as all scheduled school activities and supplementary lessons on that day remain the same.

11. TERM 3 PARENT-CHILD-TEACHER CONFERENCING (WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST)

The school will conduct this session for some P1 to P6 students on Wednesday, 30 August. A separate letter will be issued at a later date to inform parents/guardians of the identified students to discuss your child's/ward's progress. No classes will be held on that day.

12. P5 OUTDOOR CAMP (THURSDAY TO SATURDAY, 14 TO 16 SEPTEMBER)

The annual 3-day-2-night P5 Outdoor Camp provides opportunity for P5 students to engage in a wide range of physical and outdoor activities that will develop their personal growth in leadership, confidence and team spirit amongst their peers. The active interactions among students during the camp also create invaluable and authentic teachable moments to guide our students in character development and values education. A separate letter will be issued to provide more details.

13. UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR

A) School Activities

<i>Date</i>	<i>Events</i>
▪ 2 Jul, Sun	P5 National Education Show at The Float @ Marina Bay
▪ 14 Jul, Fri	P5 Parent Engagement Session
▪ 8 Aug, Tue	National Day Celebration cum P1 & P2 Sports Carnival
▪ 17 Aug, Thu and 18 Aug, Fri	PSLE Oral Exam P1 to P5 Home-based Learning
▪ 30 Aug, Wed	2 nd Parent-Child-Teacher Conference
▪ 14 Sep, Thu to 16 Sep, Sat	P5 Outdoor Camp
▪ 15 Sep, Fri	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam P1 to P4 Home-based Learning
▪ 28 Sep, Thu to 4 Oct, Wed	PSLE Written Examination
▪ 29 Sep, Fri	P1 & P2 Home-based Learning
▪ 19 Oct, Thu to 24 Oct, Tue	P1 to P5 Home-based Learning (PSLE Marking Exercise)

Further details regarding the above events will be given in due course.

B) Public Holiday & Scheduled School Holidays

<i>Date</i>	<i>Events</i>
• 2 Jul, Sun	Youth Day
• 3 Jul, Mon (School will resume on Tuesday 4 July)	Scheduled school holiday (Day after Youth Day)
• 9 Aug, Wed	National Day
• 10 Aug, Thu	Scheduled school holiday (Day after National Day)
• 31 Aug, Thu	Teachers' Day
• 1 Sep, Fri	Hari Raya Haji
• 2 Sep, Sat to 10 Sep, Sun	Between Terms 3 and 4
• 6 Oct, Fri	Children's Day
• 18 Oct, Wed	Deepavali
• 18 Nov, Sat to 31 Dec, Sun (School will resume on Tuesday 2 January 2018)	At the End of School Year

Thank you for all your support in our various school programmes towards the holistic development of our students. We look forward to your continuous support as our partners-in-education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tan Wie Pin
Principal